

A Land Far Far Away

Year 5 Learning Newsletter | Autumn Term 1

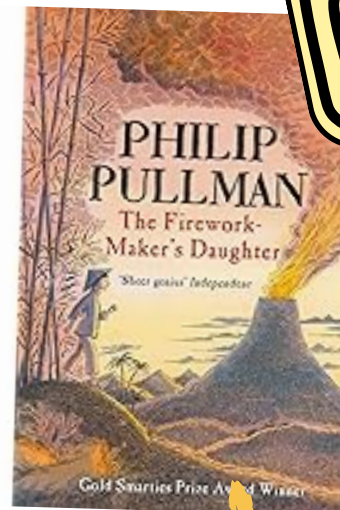
HOOK

The children will start to investigate the character of Lila (the main character from our Rich Read, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman). They will use their investigative skills to complete a 'Royal Sulphur Hunt'.

After reading some of the story, the children will create a firework scene and decorate Hamlet (the elephant from the story) using graffiti art.

They will also have the opportunity to try a spring roll – a dish widely eaten in Indonesia (the country where our Rich Read is located) and linked to our DT unit.

Rich Read



TOPIC WORDS:

Indonesia, firework, apprenticeship, Mount Merapi, Lila, Lalchand, Chulak, Rambashi, Hamlet, Razvani, Fire-Fiend, perilous, dancing, grotto, volcano, daughter, elephants, Goddess, journey, pirates, mountains, competition

Main Focus

This topic will focus upon:

- **English** where the children will learn to write persuasive letters in role as Lila.
- **Science** where the children will get to investigate different materials that could be used in Lila's workshop.
- **DT** where the children will create their own spring rolls and dipping sauce. They will then refine the recipe for our topic outcome.
- **Geography** where the children will learn about earthquakes and volcanoes.
- **Art** where the children will learn how to create a watercolour wash as a background for a silhouette of an Indonesian landscape.
- **Computing** where the children will learn how to create a poster using graphics software.

The following are not linked to the topic:

- **PSHE** where the children will explore family relationships, friendships and making people feel included. They will also think about treating people equally and being respectful.
- **RE** where the children will learn about the concept of community (Umma) in relation to Islam.

Learning Experiences

- **English:** exploring characters' personalities and motives, hot seating and writing in role as Lila to persuade her father to let her become a firework maker.
- **Science:** conducting experiments to sort and compare materials based on their properties to determine which materials are best suited for different purposes.
- **DT:** adapting a recipe, using cutting, mixing and spreading techniques to cook a savoury dish.
- **Geography:** exploring what causes earthquakes and volcanoes to occur as well as finding out where they are located.
- **Art:** using a watercolour wash to create tint, shade and tone. They will also create a silhouette to go in the foreground.
- **Computing:** using image processing skills to create layered images for an advertising poster.

The following are not linked to the topic:

- **PSHE:** role playing scenarios, giving advice and class discussions.
- **RE:** mind mapping, creating posters, class discussions and comparing communities.

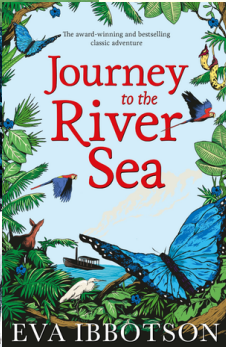
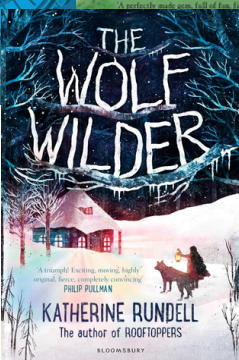
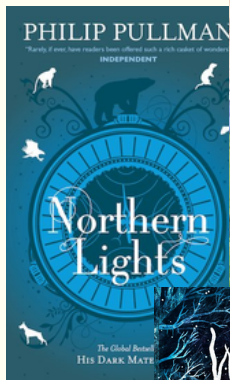
If your child enjoys 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', they may also like these.

Outcome

On Thursday 22nd October, you will be invited to an Indonesian banquet!

You will have the chance to taste the spring rolls your child has made as well as listen to the letters they have written.

A letter with more information will be sent out nearer the time.



Spelling

Your child will be focusing upon learning to spell these compulsory words this half term. Please help them to practise at home:

curious, obvious, delicious, ferocious, special, crucial, confidential, influential, initial, financially, environment, immediately

Home Learning

In Upper School, your child has two weekly home learning tasks:

- 1) Reading – due every Tuesday
- 2) Times Tables – due every Tuesday

To complete the Space Race, they will need to read three times a week and record it in their reading diary.

For times tables, they will need to play at least five games a week on TTRS.

